In the claims:

1-38. (canceled)

- 39. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide having at least 80% amino acid sequence identity to:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290);
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290); or
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927,

wherein said polypeptide <u>is an immunostimulant</u>. induces proliferation of stimulated T lymphocytes in a mixed lymphocyte reaction.

- 40. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide having at least 85% amino acid sequence identity to:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290);
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290); or
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927,

wherein said polypeptide <u>is an immunostimulant</u>. induces proliferation of stimulated T lymphocytes in a mixed lymphocyte reaction.

41. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide having at least 90% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290);
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290); or
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927,

wherein said polypeptide <u>is an immunostimulant</u>. induces proliferation of stimulated T lymphocytes in a mixed lymphocyte reaction.

- 42. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide having at least 95% amino acid sequence identity to:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290);
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290); or
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927,

wherein said polypeptide <u>is an immunostimulant</u>. induces proliferation of stimulated T lymphocytes in a mixed lymphocyte reaction.

- 43. (Currently amended) An isolated polypeptide having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290);
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;

- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290); or
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927,

wherein said polypeptide is an immunostimulant. induces proliferation of stimulated T lymphocytes in a mixed lymphocyte reaction.

- 44. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290):
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290); or
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927,
- 45. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290).
- 46. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290), lacking its associated signal peptide.
- 47. (currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 290 (SEQ ID NO: 290).
 - 48. (canceled)
- 49. (previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209927.

- 50. (previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 39 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
- 51. (previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 50, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an epitope tag or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.